## **CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION**

**Title of publication:** 1145.wmv.MP4

Other known title(s): Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1700120.001

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

**Director:** Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

**Applicant:** Wellington District Court

Classification: Objectionable.

**Excisions:** No excisions recommended

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 18 May 2017

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	1145.wmv.MP4	12:21
Total running time:		12:21

## Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes the sexual exploitation of children. It depicts the rape of a young girl. The nature of the abuse is such that the file also promotes and supports sexual violence and extreme cruelty. The only purpose of the file is the sexual arousal and gratification of those with a sexual interest in girls. Material such as this presents children as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and encourages and legitimises such an interest. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that

publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.